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SUBJECT: PAPANDREOU ARTICLE IN COPENHAGEN PAPER

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1. PAPANDREOU INTERVIEW CITED REFTEL APPEARED IN COPENHAGEN DAILY POLITIKEN JULY 29. INTERVIEW WAS GIVEN POLITIKEN CORRESPONDENT NIELS STEENSGAARD AT WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND, WHERE MEETING OF LEADING FIGURES IN PAN-HELLENIC LIBERATION MOVEMENT (PAK) WAS HELD JULY 27-28.

2. FULL TRANSLATED TEXT OF PORTION CITED AS FOLLOWS: "THE WEEKEND MEETING MADE A LARGE STEP TOWARD FORMATION OF A STRAIGHT LEFTIST-ORIENTED GREEK PARTY. NOT, HOWEVER, ON THE SCANDINAVIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MODEL, CONTRARY TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS. WE FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE, THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE, AND FOR SOCIALISM, SAYS ANDREAS PAPANDREOU. AND THE MODEL WITH WHICH WE WORK TODAY MAY GO FURTHER THAN SCANDINAVIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRACY. IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT THAT I DISCOUNT THAT MODEL, BUT OUR CONDITIONS ARE

DIFFERENT, BECAUSE YOU (SCANDINAVIANS) HAVE QUIETLY BEEN ABLE TO BUILD YOUR SYSTEM OVER DECENNIALS. WE ARE FACED WITH A DIFFERENT SITUATION. TODAY, THEREFORE, I BELIEVE MORE IN THE INTRODUCTION OF A TYPE OF WORKPLACE COMMUNES. NOT THAT THE STATE WILL TAKE OVER THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION BUT THAT THEY ARE COLLECTIVIZED, TAKEN OVER BY THOSE AT THE WORKPLACES. THERE WILL BE ROOM FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO A VERY LIMITED DEGREE ONLY."

3. IN ADDITION, ARTICLE CONTAINS FOLLOWING EXCERPTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST: "...NOBODY SHOULD BE OPTIMISTIC WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN GREECE TODAY. NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED. IT IS STILL THE MACHINE GUNS THAT MAKE THE DECISIONS. AND THE UNITED STATES. WE CANNOT GO FURTHER UNTIL THE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE GAME....." ..."EVERYTHING REALLY POINTS TO THE POWER STILL BEING IN THE HANDS OF THE MILITARY. IT LOOKS AS IF THE UNITED STATES, AFTER THE EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, REALIZED THAT THAT FORM OF PSEUDO-DEMOCRACY IS THE THING (TO HAVE), BECAUSE IT CHANGES THE FACADE BUT RETAINS THE REAL POWER IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO USED TO HAVE IT. NOT LEAST THE ECONOMIC POWER. THE PERMANENT COLONIZATION BY AMERICAN MONOPOLY-CAPITALISM OF OUR COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO BE POSSIBLE UNDER A SYSTEM OF CONTROLLED PARLIAMENTARISM, AND THE STRATEGIC INTERESTS OF NATO AND THE PENTAGON WILL BE SERVED."
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